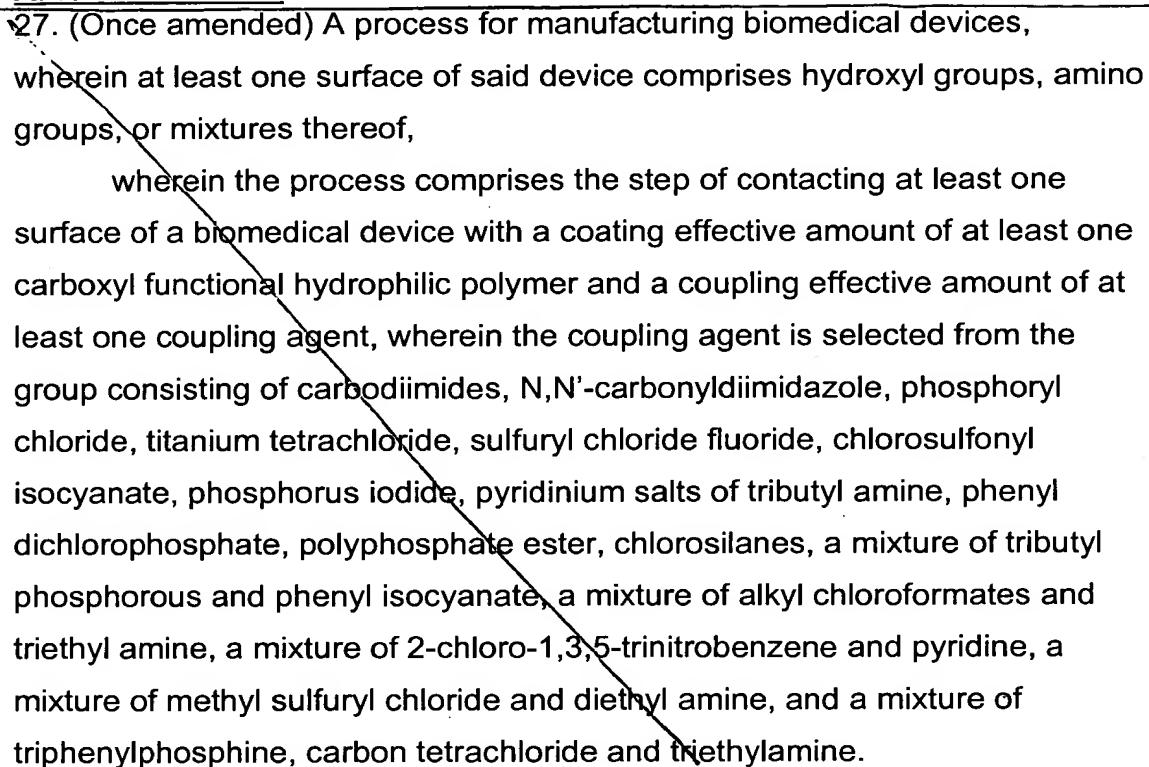
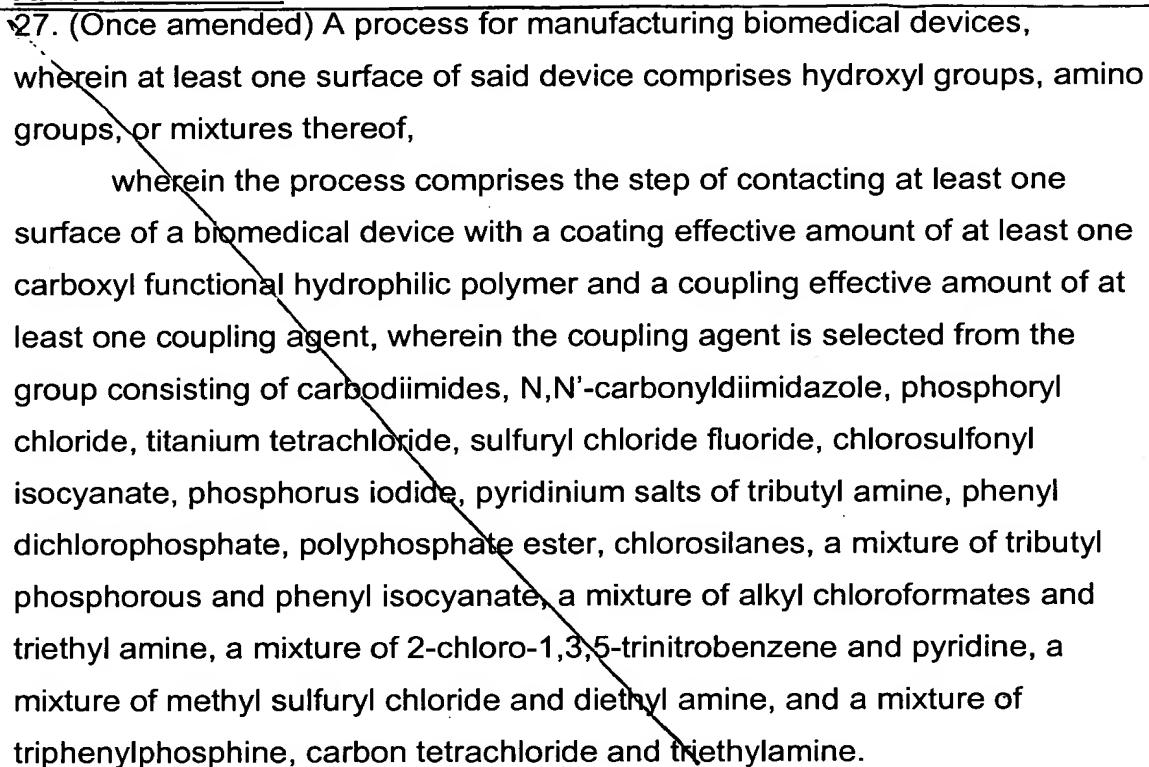


Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amended claims:

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27. (Once amended) A process for manufacturing biomedical devices, wherein at least one surface of said device comprises hydroxyl groups, amino groups, or mixtures thereof,

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wherein the process comprises the step of contacting at least one surface of a biomedical device with a coating effective amount of at least one carboxyl functional hydrophilic polymer and a coupling effective amount of at least one coupling agent, wherein the coupling agent is selected from the group consisting of carbodiimides, N,N'-carbonyldiimidazole, phosphoryl chloride, titanium tetrachloride, sulfonyl chloride fluoride, chlorosulfonyl isocyanate, phosphorus iodide, pyridinium salts of tributyl amine, phenyl dichlorophosphate, polyphosphate ester, chlorosilanes, a mixture of tributyl phosphorous and phenyl isocyanate, a mixture of alkyl chloroformates and triethyl amine, a mixture of 2-chloro-1,3,5-trinitrobenzene and pyridine, a mixture of methyl sulfonyl chloride and diethyl amine, and a mixture of triphenylphosphine, carbon tetrachloride and triethylamine.

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29. (Once amended) The process of claim 27 wherein the carboxyl functional polymer is poly(acrylic acid), poly(methacrylic acid), poly(maleic acid), poly(itaconic acid), block or random copolymer of methacrylic acid or acrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid or itaconic acid with a reactive vinyl monomer.

30. (Once amended) The process of claim 27 wherein the carboxyl functional polymer is poly(acrylic acid).

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33. (Once amended) The process of claim 27 wherein the coupling agent is 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide.